

**2015 APPROVED
WORK PLAN AND MEETING SCHEDULE
for the
COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

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Work Plan

The Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was created by the New Mexico Legislative Council on April 27, 2015. During the 2015 interim, and as time permits, the committee proposes to address the following and recommend appropriate legislation:

1. criminal justice reform issues — continue, in some fashion, work of the Criminal Justice Reform Subcommittee;
2. juvenile justice summit (joint meeting with the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee in Albuquerque);
3. campaigns and elections — a day devoted to election-related legislation;
4. use of county jails — why are so many prisoners in New Mexico held by counties rather than by state facilities?;
5. updated New Mexico prison population forecast;

6. report on "Prison Program Utilization and Recidivism Among Female Inmates in New Mexico" (Kristine Denman, New Mexico Statistical Analysis Center, University of New Mexico);
7. New Mexico Association of Counties report on clinically appropriate housing options for individuals with serious mental illness who are in custody in county detention facilities (requested pursuant to Senate Joint Memorial 4 (2015));
8. recidivism — how is it calculated? what are the numbers? — an overview;
9. reorganization and possible changes to the DWI statutes;
10. examination of the problem of drugged driving;
11. Department of Public Safety update on the process of reorganization;
12. training of officers at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy;
13. practices of policing, including racial profiling;
14. the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act;
15. compliance with the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants;
16. examination of issues surrounding competency evaluations and the hearing/committal process;
17. reworking of child pornography laws after *State v. Olson*;
18. removing probation from Corrections Department jurisdiction and placing it under the courts;
19. the use of court fees and fines — balances and uses; are the fees and fines funding the programs for which they were intended?;
20. jury fees — examination of the amount and their use;
21. problems with court processes, including delays in processing cases, especially in Bernalillo County;
22. restorative justice programs;

23. use of teen courts;
24. deferred maintenance at the prisons;
25. nutrition in the state's jails and prisons;
26. eyewitnesses, problems with eyewitness identification and concerns about the use of DNA evidence;
27. processing of rape kits and other DNA evidence;
28. monitoring of violators of restraining orders with GPS in domestic violence cases;
29. Workers' Compensation Administration;
30. regulation of towing companies;
31. human trafficking;
32. issues concerning transgender inmates at the state jails and prisons;
33. compliance issues pertaining to the overdose prevention limited immunity statute (Section 30-31-27.1 NMSA 1978);
34. alternative sentencing, particularly for DWI (including the 24/7 program);
35. juvenile justice referrals made by schools — the school-to-prison pipeline;
36. issues surrounding repeat juvenile offenders, particularly in rural areas;
37. review of child custody laws;
38. examination of the child abuse and neglect system;
39. review of the Homeowner Association Act;
40. report on the progress of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee;
41. update from the Administrative Office of the Courts, including a presentation on the judiciary unified budget;
42. updates from the Public Defender Commission and the chief public defender;

43. New Mexico's "three strikes" law and the impact of *Johnson v. United States*;
44. New Mexico's expungement statutes — analysis of their use;
45. update from the Office of the Attorney General;
46. update from the Corrections Department;
47. update from the Children, Youth and Families Department;
48. update from the New Mexico Association of Counties; and
49. update from the University of New Mexico School of Law.

**Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee
2015 Approved Meeting Schedule**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 12	State Capitol, Santa Fe
July 16-17	Las Cruces
August 11-12	Gallup
September 22-24	Albuquerque
October 28-30	Alamogordo
November 30- December 1	State Capitol, Santa Fe